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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9, with the following replacement paragraph:

The single-fire clip assembly 21" and handle assembly 18 are illustrated in the top assembly prospective view of Figure 5. In this embodiment, elements of similar structure are designated with the same reference numeral followed by the lower case letter "a." A bottom perspective view of the cartridge 21" is illustrated with a handle assembly 18a in Figure 6. From this view it can be seen that in a preferred embodiment, the jaw assembly 21" can be formed with the jaw component 32c having a pair of legs 56 and 58 which extend to respective jaws 61 and 63 that hold the clip 47. Within the housing 50, the legs 56 and 58 are joined by a bridge 64 65 and an extension 63 67. This provides the jaw component 32a with the general configuration of a tuning fork.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 14, with the following replacement paragraph:

The extension 63 67 has no function in this embodiment of the jaw assembly 21'. However, in the interest of maintaining the jaw component 32a with the same configuration in both embodiments of the jaw assembly 21, this extension 63 67 which has a function in the jaw assembly 21' is retained in the jaw assembly 21".